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Advertising is a combination of good points set forth for those who do not know what a merchant carries, but who would be interested in what he had to sell if they only knew the particulars.

## PROHIBITION IN UTAH REMAINS IN DOUBT

GOVERNOR REMAINS SILENT UNTIL SIXTIETH DAY.

The house was ready to adjourn at 11 o'clock last night and so notified the senate, but that body decided to wait until this morning.

The seventh session of the Utah legislature passed the sixtieth day of adjournment at noon yesterday, while the members of both houses waited on the clock was stopped and the session adjourned.

While it is Friday to the ordinary citizen it is still Thursday morning, March 11th, to the members of the legislature.

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The prohibition bill was not reached by Governor William Spry. It was apparent during yesterday's session that something was taking place. The senate delayed the passage of the house road appropriation bill and last night the democratic members of the house delayed passage of the general appropriations bill.

Referenda amendments to it and dealing questions which had been raised upon the joint appropriations committee.

When the senate had completed its work, there was a bill and the amendments made by Governor Spry were as a theme for discussion in the senate. In the caucus the question of suspension of rules came up and the result was that the decision was deferred and the senate adjourned at 11 o'clock this morning.

## GOVERNMENT OWNER OF WESTERN PACIFIC

COULD BE WELCOMED BY THE OTHER RAILROADS.

Operation Heads Claim It Would Get Twenty-Five Per Cent More Than When Operated Under Private Ownership.

The proposal made by the Hearst papers that the government take over the Western Pacific and operate it will be welcomed, I believe, by the railroad men. Said E. E. Calvin, vice president and general manager for the Oregon Short Line, Tuesday to a Hearst reporter: "I believe that it is a question of the character that the railroad will welcome. I believe in a conservative when I make the statement that the government cannot operate the Western Pacific within 25 per cent of the cost of operation under private ownership."

"An example of a government owned railroad is the Panama railroad. I have not the exact figures in my mind, but I think a recent government report shows that the cost of operation, everything being equal, is far in excess of a similar line under private ownership. And, mind you, their rates are much higher than rates under private ownership."

Wherein Profit Comes.

The postmaster general shows in his report that for the first time in the history of the postoffice department it has been operated at a profit. Where has the profit come from? You will investigate, you will find that it has come from the star routes at the railroads. There has been an increase in the parcel post service, but the railroads are not properly compensated for their labor in this particular department.

"At points throughout the country where mail is transferred the government has always maintained men to check mail and insure correct delivery. The railroads have just been notified that the employment of these men will be discontinued and that it will be up to us to furnish them."

"The railroads can do nothing but carry. Our contracts with the government for carrying mail are very elastic in the blanket order, might be a way of expressing it. We cannot say that the mail at so much per ton. That is about all there is to it. A further profit will be realized in the postoffice department, at least in this particular instance, if I mention the railroads will be glad to do it."

Tom Nichols, who was formerly located in Price, states that hay on the reservation can be bought for \$2.00 a ton. The sheepmen were not obliged to feed a pound this winter. The Moford, has become one of the big producing sections of the Utah National bank and which he will accept in the immediate future.

## BIG LAND TRANSFER

Ras Anderson Sells Ninemile Ranch to Manti People.

One of the largest real estate transfers, probably the largest in ranch and grazing lands, made in Carbon county during the past year, was consummated Monday, when Ras Anderson sold his Ninemile ranch and grazing lands to Merriam Crawford and Eugene Monk of Manti for a consideration of \$8000.

The purchasers are prominent in the sheep business of Eastern Utah and will move two herds to their new property, which consists of nine hundred and twenty acres, forty-five of which is in alfalfa.

Mr. Anderson will devote his attention this summer to his other ranch on Soldier creek.

## LEGISLATURE PASSES SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

COUNTIES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FIVE DISTRICTS.

Measure Receives Almost Unanimous Support of Both Branches and Is Championed by Superintendent E. G. Gowan.

Consolidation of school districts into one county district is the new system which Utah will adopt if Governor Spry signs House Bill No. 123, by the committee on education, which passed the senate late Saturday afternoon. The so-called "consolidation bill" is one of the most important measures of the session.

The movement to consolidate school districts into one county district was started some time ago. The plan is gaining widespread favor throughout the country. Dr. E. G. Gowan, state superintendent of public instruction, is one of the most ardent advocates of the plan as a measure for efficient and economical school government. While attending the national convention of school superintendents in Cincinnati recently, Mr. Gowan secured President W. Mont Perry of the senate and speaker L. R. Anderson of the house, informing them that E. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, and other prominent educators in attendance at the convention, spoke highly in favor of the consolidation plan.

Will Distribute Burden.

The bill, which has now been passed by both houses and which awaits the approval of the governor, provides for the division of the county into five districts, the districts to be designated by the county commissioners. In December, 1916, at a general school election, a representative is to be elected to the county school board from each of these five districts in each county. Thereafter the school government is to be conducted by this county school board instead of by boards in each district in the county. Duplication of costs of school government are eliminated by the plan and the entire burden of the school operation and maintenance is placed upon the county as a whole, instead of upon smaller districts.

Eliminates Deficits.

One of the things to be accomplished by the consolidation plan, it has been pointed out several times during the session, is the elimination of deficits in school districts where the population is so small as to be unable to properly maintain the schools. Each succeeding legislature for several years past has been called upon to appropriate money for the payment of teachers in districts where the funds were insufficient. The present legislature appropriated \$15,000 for that purpose. Under the consolidated plan where the entire county is paying for the support of its schools, no such conditions will arise, educators explain.

## COSTLY DUCHESNE BLAZE

Fire Destroys Entire Business Block, Causing \$20,000 Loss.

Wednesday morning of last week the principal business block of Duchesne, the county seat and town of the county, was completely wiped out by flames, entailing a loss of approximately \$20,000.

Businessmen wholly lost by the fire were the Pioneer Supply company, the Duchesne Lumber company, James Dalgleish, jeweler, and the Pope law office, which contained \$1500 worth of law books.

The Pioneer Supply company carried insurance to the amount of six thousand dollars and the lumber company five thousand.

E. M. Pope owned all of the buildings burned and he and brother, Geo. Pope, the stock of goods in the supply company. W. L. Dean and Paul Billings are the proprietors of the lumber company. M. B. Pope was the owner of the books and fixtures of the law office.

A cement block will be built on the burned area.

The county high school board meets in regular session today.

## APPROPRIATION BILL CARRIED \$3,164,987

SUM EXCEEDS STATE'S ESTIMATED REVENUE.

Price-Myton Appropriation Measure Is Killed—Heller-Duchesne Bill Is Passed—Six Thousand Dollars For Road Out of Helper.

Three million, one hundred and sixty-four thousand, nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents to run the state of Utah for two years and three months was asked of the legislature Thursday.

This mighty sum represents the grand total of the general appropriation bill to be introduced today by the joint committee on appropriations and claims and to be acted upon before the legislature adjourns, which means some time today.

Although the joint committee pared and cut and slashed, pruning the budget of the various state departments and institutions and viewing with alarm all legislative bills carrying appropriations, the grand total of the general appropriations bill exceeds the estimated revenue by approximately half a million dollars.

Damage Claims Included.

The bill includes, as is customary, all the appropriations this legislature makes, all the expenditures authorized by statute for the operation of the governmental departments and state institutions, and, as well, the claims against the state, including those of citizens who suffered from the Hatching flood.

This disaster, caused by the breaking of the state dam last spring, resulted in damages amounting, in the claims allowed in the bill, to \$55,731. This money, however, does not come out of the state's general fund, being from the reservoir land grant fund, administered by the state land board.

Estimated revenue of the state for two years is \$2,155,445. The proposed bill, providing an annual automobile tax, just passed by both houses, is expected to add \$200,000 to the state's coffers in the next two years, and the amendments to the law relating to corporation taxes are expected to bring in an additional \$150,000. This would bring the total revenue up to \$2,505,445, or against the total appropriations of \$3,164,987.75.

It must be borne in mind, however, that this appropriation bill is designed to carry the state for twenty-seven months, instead of two years, as has been customary. The provision for twenty-seven months is designed to obviate the necessity of an emergency appropriation at the opening of the next legislature.

Represents Much Work.

The joint appropriations committee, of which Senator Charles Cottrell, of Salt Lake, is chairman, and Representative Wilford Day, of Iron county, is vice chairman, has been working on this bill since the session opened. It was late last night when the committee approved it and William F. Langebacker, clerk of the committee, finished the task of preparing it for the printers. The printed bills will be ready today.

Road Appropriations.

Grand canyon highway, \$52,900; road in Uintah basin, \$25,000; bridge across Duchesne river, \$10,000; bridge over Price river, \$6000; reconstruction to Grand county, \$7500; road in Wayne county, \$3000; Garfield county road, \$1500; Lincoln highway, \$10,000; Indian canyon road, \$10,000; Indian canyon road, \$10,000; Volcanic wash bridge, \$600; San Juan county road, \$20,000; Logan and Garden City road, \$20,000; Morgan county road, \$5000; Sevier county road, \$5000; Revere and Emery county road, \$5000; Deep Creek road, \$10,000; Clark creek bridge, \$5000; Morgan county road, 2000, and \$50,000 for relief of Indian war veterans.

Principal Items in Bill.

The principal appropriations in the bill are as follows:  
To the governor ..... \$ 35,212.50  
To the secretary of state ..... 39,237.00  
To the state auditor ..... 29,549.00  
To the attorney general ..... 29,212.00  
To the state treasurer ..... 18,225.00  
Bureau of immigration, labor and statistics ..... 14,625.00  
State bank commission ..... 13,718.00  
State dairy and food bureau ..... 20,750.00  
State coal mine inspector ..... 12,927.00  
State chemist ..... 7,200.00  
State insurance commission ..... 15,750.00  
State engineer ..... 53,400.00  
State live stock inspector ..... 22,350.00  
State board of sheep commissioners ..... 24,137.00  
State board of equalization ..... 27,480.00  
State board of pardons ..... 26,827.00  
State board of health ..... 9,225.00  
State board of horticulture ..... 74,100.00  
State board of education ..... 5,175.00  
State board of examiners ..... 27,825.00  
State board of loan commissioners ..... 367,000.00  
Juvenile court commission ..... 67,500.00  
National guard of Utah ..... 105,075.00  
State supreme court ..... 65,887.00  
District courts ..... 145,075.00  
School for the deaf and the blind ..... 154,300.00  
State board of corrections ..... 219,455.00  
State mental hospital ..... 150,295.00  
State industrial school ..... 140,000.00  
University of Utah ..... 75,000.00

## GREEK IS MURDERED NEAR CLEAR CREEK

GEORGE EKONOMOU SHOT IN BACK AND HOBBIED.

No Claw Found as to Identity of Assassin—Dead Man Had Money In Two Banks and It Is Believed a Large Sum Is In His Belt.

George Ekonomou, a Greek well known throughout the county, was murdered between Clear Creek and Scofield some time between Saturday night and Sunday morning. The body was found early Sunday by the crew on the switch train.

The sheriff's office was summoned and Deputy Rich sent to the scene. Up to this time, however, there is absolutely no clue to the perpetrators of the crime.

Ekonomou was killed by being shot in the back of the head. Robbery is presumed to have been the motive for the murder as the dead man's clothing showed plainly that the pockets had been rifled of their contents and a search had also been made for a money belt. Whether one was found or not or whether the dead man had any considerable amount of money on his person is not known positively.

Lying near the body was a small caliber revolver and a dollar watch. In a pocket was found a deposit slip showing \$400 in a Denver bank. He was also a depositor at one of the local banks, where he had to his credit \$200.

County Attorney Thomas Fouts also visited Clear Creek in an endeavor to find out some clue to the identity of the murderers but was unsuccessful and after a thorough inquiry was unable to uncover any evidence that would lead to the suspecting of the criminal.

Local Greeks believe that the dead man had a considerable sum of money in a belt, one distant relative stating that he was of the opinion it amounted to perhaps \$500. Salt Lake relatives of the dead man have been at Clear Creek and Scofield during the week and are making every possible effort to run down the murder.

MRS. JULIA RICH DEAD.

Mrs. Julia Rich, wife of Henry J. Rich of Wellington, died Monday night from blood poisoning, caused by an ulcerated tooth.

The deceased came to Wellington about three months ago from Monroe, where she had lived practically all her life. She was one of the first settlers in the community.

She was the mother of seventeen children, eight of whom are alive. A son and daughter live at Monroe and also a son and daughter in Wyoming. Besides these her husband and four sons, J. J. deputy sheriff, William, Jesse and Earl reside at Wellington.

Funeral services were held Thursday and were attended by practically the entire community.

Laid to Rest.

The remains of Fred M. Sanford were laid to rest in the local cemetery last Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church, Rev. L. A. Jones officiating.

The attendance was very large, the entire community being present to pay their last respects to the memory of one of the most splendid characters of the city. Everyone felt the loss of this most worthy young man and the deepest sympathy of all are extended to the sorrowing young widow and relatives.

Flowers were presented in great abundance and the coffin rested beneath a pile of them.

SMOOT BILL ONE OF LAST SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

One of the last bills signed by President Wilson was the Smoot bill validating pending homestead entries made in good faith prior to January 1, 1914, under the provisions of the enlarged homestead laws by persons who before making an enlarged entry had acquired title to land under the homestead laws and therefore were not qualified to make enlarged entry where the original entry was less than 160 acres.

Utah agricultural college, 145,000.00  
Branch agricultural college at Cedar City, 18,000.00  
State fair association, 24,500.00  
State road commission, 276,400.00  
For deficits authorized by the board of examiners, 64,972.50  
Miscellaneous expenses and appropriations, 244,000.00  
Special appropriations, 98,314.55  
For state's share of relieving county maps and plate, 2,495.00  
Legislative expense, 3,335.54  
To insurance companies, refunds on account of firemen's fund law, held unconstitutional, 7,676.55  
State fish and game commissioner, 85,385.00  
State board of examiners, 6,250.00  
State board of health, 56,721.00  
To agricultural colleges to complete power plant, 30,322.55  
Miscellaneous claims, 3,290.00  
Grand total, \$3,164,987.75

## ASKS FOR BIDS

P. O. Department Seeking Proposals For Mail to Myton.

Notices are posted in the Price post-office asking for bids for the carrying of the mails from Helper to Myton and from Watson to Myton.

Only one bid is requested for the transportation of first, second, third and fourth class matter.

The proposal does not specify whether the contractor must carry the mail from Helper to Myton by way of Indian canyon or over the Ninemile route.

Watson is the terminus of the Utah railroad and the route would pass through Ouray, Handlett, Fort Duchesne and Roosevelt.

## GOULD RAILROADS PASS FROM FAMILY CONTROL

B. F. BUSH ELEVATED TO PRESIDENT OF BOARD DIRECTORS.

E. T. Jeffery Is Retired After Long Years of Service—Not a Gould Is Left on Board—Similar Action Expected in D. & R. G.

ST. LOUIS, March 8.—The Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain railway system, nucleus of the so-called Gould lines, passed today from the control of the Gould family. An election of officers and directors which accomplished this carried with it, financiers generally conceded, and final of the connecting and subordinate Rio Grande-Western Pacific system by which descendants of Jay Gould, the great railway financier, linked the middle west to the coast.

Instead of the Goulds, a proxy committee represented by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and the Guarantee Trust company of New York controlled today's election, at which 53 per cent of the stock was voted. How complete was the change was indicated in part by the removal of three Goulds and E. T. Jeffery of New York, a long-time Gould executive, from the boards.

Bush Is Elevated.

B. F. Bush, who succeeded Jeffery some time ago as president of the Denver & Rio Grande and Western Pacific railroads, swung into the saddle today as chairman of the board of directors of the Missouri Pacific and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railway, and his election presently to the same position with the Rio Grande Western Pacific system was conceded to be probably a matter of course. Today he succeeded George Jay Gould, son of Jay Gould, founder of the family fortune, as chairman of the board, and George Jay Gould was not elected to the new board. His brother, Frank J. Gould, and his son, Kingston Gould, 25 years old, heretofore vice presidents and members of the board, were not re-elected in either capacity.

Pinley J. Shepard, an active Missouri Pacific railroad man, who met Miss Helen Gould, Jay Gould's daughter, a few years ago when she was touring the system, and married her in 1912, was re-elected to both directorates today.

From Sacramento, Cal., came word that a resolution had been introduced in the legislature asking Congress to have the government purchase and operate the Western Pacific, now operating under a receivership.

The new directors of the Missouri Pacific are Edward A. Faust, William H. Lee and E. J. Pearson of St. Louis, and Nicholas P. Brady, Newcomb Carlton, A. J. Hemphill, Cornelius Vanderbilt and W. H. Williams of New York.

The old directors elected are Benjamin F. Bush, Edgar Miraton, Edwin G. Merrill, Pinley J. Shepard and H. Lancaster Williams.

The old directors who are not on the new board are George J. Gould, Edwin Gould, Kingston Gould, James Speyer, E. O. Adams, J. G. Metcalfe, E. T. Jeffery and S. P. Pryor.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE

Fire In Black Hawk Mine Believed to Be Well In Hand.

While the fire in the Black Hawk mine tunnel is still burning, the condition is very satisfactory and the flames are being rapidly put under control. In fact the helmet men have succeeded in getting behind the fire and by the use of small fan fire fighters without head equipment are now able to work in the tunnel near the scene of the blaze.

Shipments are being made from the mine. No coal is being mined, but a large quantity fell down on account of the heat in the tunnel and this is being taken out and loaded on the cars.

L. E. Whitmore was down Sunday from Salt Lake to attend the funeral of the late Fred M. Sanford. The young man has made good in the banking business as government examiner and has been offered a position with the Utah National bank of Salt Lake and which he will accept in the immediate future.

## TAXPAYERS REFUSE TO LEASE LIGHT PLANT

LARGE MAJORITY OF VOTES AGAINST PROPOSITION.

Water Bonds for Ten Thousand Dollars Carry by Small Majority of Ten—One Hundred and Seventy-Nine Taxpayers Cast Ballots.

By an overwhelming majority the taxpayers of Price voted against the leasing of the electric light and power plant last Saturday. By a very narrow majority they decided that the city council should buy \$10,000 worth of additional primary water rights.

The vote on the leasing was 54 for and 113 against. On buying of water stock the vote stood 52 for and 82 against. Majority against leasing, 82; majority for more water, 10; total number of votes cast on leasing, 173; total on water, 175.

Neither these in favor or those opposed to the questions submitted displayed a great deal of activity during the entire day. Only those whose names appeared on the tax list of the city corporation were entitled to vote.

## TAX MEASURES PASS

One Proposes Amendment to Constitution Affecting Mines Output.

The two tax measures which have occupied the attention of the senate for the last two weeks were passed Tuesday by a vote of 12 to 6 and notice of reconsideration was given. Reconsideration was later refused and the bills have been finally passed by the senate. One measure was House bill No. 114 and the other Senate joint resolution No. 8, and both were recommended by the governor and the state board of equalization. One provides for a constitutional amendment which eliminates the provision that mines may be taxed only on an assessment not to exceed the price paid the government for the ground. It permits taxing mines on net to exceed three times the net proceeds.

The other is a house bill providing limitations in the levy for taxes that are designed to compel assessment at actual cash valuation. Under the present law and conditions general property in the state is taxed on an assessment varying from 14 to 50 per cent of true value, while mines pay on 100 per cent of the net proceeds. In the event of the passage of the house bill and the failure of the constitutional amendment the taxation revenue from the mines of the state would be reduced at least about one-third of its present amount. It was asserted on the floor of the senate.

The constitutional amendment resolution, S. J. R. No. 8, by Senator D. O. Hildout, but in the Senate Monday, but after House bill No. 114 had passed, the amendment resolution was brought up again and passed by just the required two-thirds vote of 12 to 6.

Carbon county was taken as an example by the legislators favoring the bill. Senator Evans said it was one of the richest counties in the state in point of resources and ought to be able to get on without financial trouble, and yet he said, the county was bankrupt and officials were now trying in vain to borrow \$15,000 as a temporary loan for immediate needs.

In Carbon county the figures given show the apportionment of the state board of equalization as totaling \$2,474,224 for 1912 and \$2,553,865 for 1914. Mr. Evans showed a table of net proceeds of mine apportionment as follows:

	1912	1914
Consolidated Fuel	\$ 88,105	\$ 71,262
Ind. Coal & Coke	127,361	64,795
Pleasant Valley Coal	242,687	370,822
Utah Fuel Co.	131,639	8,622
Decrease in net proceeds of mine	\$154,181	

Submitted as Examples.

These figures, he said, gave an example of the way the present laws were not enforced and it was certain that this meant that other interests of the state suffered through having to make up the difference.

Senator L. B. Hight said that the passage of the House bill limiting the rate of taxation in a manner to compel assessment of property at actual cash valuation without passing the constitutional amendment would work an injustice on the property of the state outside the mining industry, while should the constitutional amendment prevail and the bill pass the mining interests would be hit hard and unjustly to the benefit of other taxpayers of the state.

The vote on passage of the resolution was as follows:

For the resolution—Bradley, Ches, Edgell, Funk, Hansen, Ridout, Seegmiller, Thornley and Westcott—8.

Against the resolution—Colton, Cottrell, Craig, Dora, Eckerley, Evans, Hight and Ferry—4.

The high school economics class last Friday made a thorough inspection of the Gem bakery, which institution was pointed out by Miss Frost, the instructor, as a model in every respect. Proprietor Humay treated his guests to lemonade and cookies.